

rural development director for award during the following fiscal year.

**(B) Limitation**

A State SEARCH account that accumulates a balance of unexpended funds described in subparagraph (A) in excess of \$2,000,000 shall be ineligible to receive additional funds for SEARCH grants until such time as the State rural development director awards grants in the amount of the excess.

(Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, § 6302, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 422.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, and not as part of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 2009ee–2. Report**

Not later than 30 days after the end of the first fiscal year for which SEARCH grants are awarded, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report that—

- (1) describes the number of SEARCH grants awarded during the fiscal year;
- (2) identifies each small community that received a SEARCH grant during the fiscal year;
- (3) describes the project or purpose for which each SEARCH grant was awarded, including a statement of the benefit to public health or the environment of the environmental project receiving the grant funds; and
- (4) describes the status of each project or portion of a project for which a SEARCH grant was awarded, including a project or portion of a project for which a SEARCH grant was awarded for any previous fiscal year.

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**§ 2009ee–3. Funding**

**(a) Allocation to State rural development directors**

**(1) Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 2009ee–1(b) of this title \$51,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2007, of which not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be used to make grants under section 2009ee–1(b)(2) of this title.

**(2) Actual appropriation**

If funds to carry out section 2009ee–1(b) of this title are made available for a fiscal year in an amount that is less than the amount authorized under paragraph (1) for the fiscal year, the Secretary shall divide the appropriated funds for the fiscal year equally among the 50 States.

**(b) Other expenses**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter (other than section 2009ee–1(b) of this title).

(Pub. L. 107–171, title VI, § 6304, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 424.)

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**§ 2011. Congressional declaration of policy**

It is declared to be the policy of Congress, in order to promote the general welfare, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising levels of nutrition among low-income households. Congress finds that the limited food purchasing power of low-income households contributes to hunger and malnutrition among members of such households. Congress further finds that increased utilization of food in establishing and maintaining adequate national levels of nutrition will promote the distribution in a beneficial manner of the Nation's agricultural abundance and will strengthen the Nation's agricultural economy, as well as result in more orderly marketing and distribution of foods. To alleviate such hunger and malnutrition, a food stamp program is herein authorized which will permit low-income households to obtain a more nutritious diet through normal